THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The iniormaiion is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

MRTPC Cases Against ATOs

363. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: "Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the MRTPC has institutes cases against ATOs for *a* cartel to fix tarece and

(b) if so, what are the detailed reas-oo, along with the reply received from ATOs?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Director General of Investigation and Registration of Monopoly and Restrictive Trade Practice (MRTP) Comnuasioa had initiated suo moto investigation under the MRTP Act to find oof whether there is any agreement or uas demanding among various Air Taxi Operators to have uniform fare structure as reported in some news papers.

BombHoax and Hijacking Threats

364. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Wiil the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state the number of bomb hoax and hijacking threats received and deaet during the last three years along with the special measures adopted by Government in this regard at each airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): The requisite information is given below:

	1991	1992	1993	1994 (Jan to June, 94)
No. of Bomb threat!	327	421	509	149
No. of	28	40	42	15

Measure* taken to deal with such are as follows

(i) Anti-hijacking and anti-sabotage) Bcurity measure hare been strengthen- cd at airports in co-ordination with the concerned Airports Authority, Airports Security and air carrier concerned.

(ii) Airport Security Committees regularly monitor the implementation of security measure} at all airports.

(iii) A revised Bomb Threat Drill has tieen evolved to deal with bomb hreat calls.

(iv) Call tracing/trecordine facilities have been provided at important airports and Dog Squads are also being strengthened for detection of explosive devices.

FayaMeat rent by AI and IA

365. SHRIMATI KAMALA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India and Indian Airlines have been paying monthly rents amounting to lakhs of rupees for their office in the capital not in use:

CM if so, what is the total amount na'd by Air India and Indian Airlines for the premises not utilised by the Airtinea

and the period for whicn rent was paid for the unused premises;

(c) whether any inquiry into the matter has been conducted by Government; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof tating the action taken by Government to the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Air India had leased premises at Scindia House which are not in use since October, 1991 when the building was sealed by the municipal authorities for violation of building rules. Rent for the period October, 1991 to June, 1992 is undsr dispute and the case is pending before Delhi High Court. Rent amounting to Rs. 48,11,908 pertaining to the period July, 1992—August, 1993 has been paid and subsequent rents have not been traid,

Indian Airlines has been paying rent at the rate of Rs. 2.65 lakhs per month for the premises in Kanchanjunga 8uild-ing e-veu though these premises have-not been in use since June, 1992 following a fire in the budding.

(c) and (d) Air India management has constituted a Committee to look, into all aspects and recommend action towards
the Scindia House premises. Indian Airlines is working out the modalities of vacating the-Kanchanjunga premises. In view
of these, a separate inquiry by Government, is not considered necessary.

Newspapers for IA passengers

366. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of newspapers in different languages bought by the Indian Airlines for tile convenience of passengers; and

(b) the number of copies of each such news paprr being purchased?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The details of the newspapers, and the number of copies bought, are given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

List of Newspapers placed on Board Indian airlines flights

SI. Name of Newspaper No.	No. of copies per day
1 Indian Express .	1185
2 The Times of India .	931
3 The Hindu	884
4 The Economic Times .	431
5 Financial Express	256
6 The Statesman	337
7 The Hindustan Times	150
8 The Pioneer	100
9 The Independent	30
10 The Telegraph .	215
11 The Observer of Business & Politics	80
12 Business Standard	75
13 Kundu—Business Line	211
14 Patriot	90
15 The Asian Age .	200
16 National Herald	65
17 The Tribune	15
18 Free Press Journal	86
19 Sunday Mail (English) (Only on Sunday)	87
20 Evening News	485
21 Observer	132
22 Daily	137
23 Deccan Herald .	90